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MEMORANDUM FOR ALASKA CIVIL/MILITARY AVIATION COUNCIL (ACMAC)

SUBJECT: Alaska Civil/Military Aviation Council Minutes

FROM: 11 AF/CV

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1. The ACMAC convened at 0915L in the Princess Hotel Conference Room, Fairbanks, Alaska.
2. Member Attendance: Due to Freedom of Information Act requirements, the attendance roster will be given out by individual written request only.
3. Colonel Gregory J. Miller, Eleventh Air Force Vice Commander, chaired the meeting. Previously, Colonel Miller asked the membership to bring any concerns/issues to be addressed by the Air Force to this forum. All members in attendance introduced themselves.
4. The following agenda items were covered:

a. Proposed ACMAC Structure Change: Colonel Miller readdressed this item, brought up at the February meeting, having Northern and Southern technical committees. His idea is to have smaller groups, more focused on issues, bring concerns/issues to the ACMAC for resolution. He suggested the committees consist of one each from the following: Eleventh Air Force, FAA, 3rd Wing, 354 FW and the civilian community. The Air Force will draft a proposed charter modification incorporating the technical committees and send it out for member review prior to the next ACMAC meeting. (OPEN)

b. Cope Thunder Exercises: Lt Colonel Eddie Osteen (353 CTS/DO) gave an overview of Cope Thunder operations and their mission. Additionally, he briefed the 2005 exercise schedule and participants. (INFO)

c. Army Battle Area Complex (BAX): Mr. Doug Houpt (USARAK/Range Planner), provided an overview of the timeline for the proposed Battle Area Complex and Combined Arms Collective Training Facility (CACTF). He emphasized the BAX and CACTF are being viewed as separate projects (Alternative 4). The three previously proposed locations have not changed since the Army briefing to the ACMAC last February. This new fourth alternative has added approximately two years to the previous timeline and proposes the use of existing Special Use Airspace versus the creation of new airspace. The BAX and CACTF should be available for training the second half of CY 2010. (OPEN)

d. Tactical Unmanned Aircraft (TUAV): Mr. Doug Houpt (USARAK/Range Planner) gave an updated informational presentation on the TUAV. He briefed the capabilities of the Shadow and the Raven UAVs. Currently only the Shadow is stationed in Alaska and the fielding plan for the Raven is not yet defined. Operation of the TUAVs is defined by the FAA via a Certificate of Authorization. The transition corridors near Eielson AFB, Donnelly Landing Zone and Allen Army Airfield, are designed to avoid the flight altitudes of aircraft using the civil air corridors. (INFO)

e. Allen Army Airfield: Mr. Bill Mull (Ft Greeley Airfield Manager) updated the ACMAC members on the ongoing airfield improvements at Fort Greeley. A Cat 1 ILS has been installed for Rwy 09/27. He stated that by 1 January 2006 the air traffic control tower should be operational. Base Operations is scheduled to be fully operational by 1 October 2005. The Class D airspace proposal for Allen Army Airfield is out for public comment. Mr. Mull provided an overview of the Class D airspace initiative. (INFO)

f. Military Training Route (MTR) Remodeling: Major Al Thilmany (611 AOS/AOO) briefed that the 3rd Wing has a requirement for weather alternate routes across the Alaska Range. He explained the proposed changes provide more realistic training, avoid known areas of conflict on the existing routes, and allow route entry from the coastlines to support other services' training requirements. Some routes are shortened and two new weather alternate routes are added. Major Thilmany made the detailed maps of each route available for those interested to review. **MTR update** - The Draft Environmental Assessment for Improvements to Military Training Routes in Alaska has been made public. The comment period will close 29 July 2005 (OPEN)

g. Lights Out Operations in Alaskan Military Operations Areas (MOAs): Major Gene McCabe (611 AOS/AOO) gave a briefing on the current status of Lights Out Operations in the MOA's. He explained the FAA had granted the Air Force an exemption to operate aircraft without external lighting in the majority of the MOAs. Major McCabe briefed that all operational requirements had been met and the wings will begin this training when there is sufficient darkness. (OPEN)

h. Delta Corridor Initiative: Major Al Thilmany (611 AOS/AOO) briefed a proposal to modify the airspace to enhance joint/combined readiness training in the Delta Corridor area. AF flying units have been experiencing a previously unforeseen airspace limitation for major flying exercises. There is a requirement for a mid-level altitude block in order to provide more realistic exercise training. The issue is getting back and forth between the northern Yukon MOAs, R2202 and the southern MOAs at a fuel efficient and realistic altitude. The Birch & Buffalo MOA's ceilings are too low and the airspace above is too high. The AF is petitioning to allow a new MOA, from 15,000' to 18,000' to be activated only during major flying exercises. The exercises are typically held 30-40 days per year for 5 hours each day. (OPEN)


6. The meeting adjourned at 12:15 PM, a luncheon followed. The next ACMAC meeting is tentatively scheduled for 16 November 2005, at Elmendorf AFB.



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Approved as written.

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